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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: MACHIDA, Kazumichi, et al.

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For. PROBE SHEET AND PROBE SHEET UNIT USING SAME

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2004 for two months, from January 5, 2005 to March 5, 2005.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$225.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a small entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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